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In re application of:

DERALD RAY LANGHAM

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For: METHOD FOR MAKING NON-DEHISCENT SESAME

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

This amendment is in response to the office action (Paper No. 3) dated July 7, 1999.

Applicant requests that the application be amended as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

2. (Amended) A progeny plant from [said plant of claim 1] a non-dehiscent sesame <sup>parent</sup> plant, said non-dehiscent sesame <sup>parent</sup> plant characterized by having greater than or equal to about 65% of total amount of sesame seed in each capsule retained in unharvested capsules subjected to the shaker test, less than or equal to 10% of total amount of sesame seed in each capsule retained in capsules after mechanical harvesting, and less than or equal to about 3% of total amount of sesame seed which is released from capsules broken during mechanical harvest, wherein said progeny plant possesses <sup>non-dehiscence</sup> shatter resistance <sup>parent</sup> derived from said non-dehiscent sesame plant.

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